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Benton County Planning Commissioners,

I am a Corvallis resident and strongly oppose Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. Please deny this application.

The dump is not owned by Benton county and the profits go to a corporation in Arizona. Less than 7% of the garbage disposed of here comes Benton county; some of it comes from out-of-state, and one-third of the garbage from all of eastern Oregon comes here!

An expansion raises major concerns about:

- **Air and water pollution** threaten our local ecosystems and community health
- **Traffic increases** that pose safety risks on nearby roads and pathways
- **Odor and noise issues** that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors
- **Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values**
- **Long-term climate and environmental consequences** for future generations

The proposed expansion does nothing to align with *Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative*. This expansion undermines our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management.

I believe Benton County should invest in waste reduction, recycling, and circular economy solutions, not expanding landfills that perpetuate pollution and place a long-term burden on local communities!

Please reject LU-24-027 to protect the health and future of Benton County.

Sincerely,
Lauren Ohlgren

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